

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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MEETING OF INDO U.S. JOINT WORKING GROUP  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a meeting of the Indo-U.S. Joint Working Group on terrorism was held in New Delhi in January, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held; and
- (c) the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- (a) An inter-agency delegation from the United States led by the Special Coordinator for Counter-terrorism in the State Department visited New Delhi on 20-21 January 2002 for the fourth meeting of the India-U.S. Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism.
- (b) The two delegations discussed the current terrorism situation and further strengthening institutional, law enforcement, financial, military, intelligence cooperation between the two countries in combating terrorism.
- (c) The two sides agreed to continue exchanging assessment on the international terrorism situation; further strengthen intelligence and investigation cooperation; expand training in preventive, protective and consequence management capabilities in both conventional and WMD terrorism; share experience on the efforts being made by the two countries to strengthen internal/homeland security; work together for the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1373 of September 2001 on terrorism; strengthen military-military cooperation on counter-terrorism; and, cooperate on issues such as cyber-terrorism, blocking terrorism financing, forensic capabilities and technological aspects of effective border management.